

(d) the loss suffered because of these accumulations by way of interest alone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No specific study has been made regarding large accumulation of different types of iron and steel at different steel plants.

(b) to (d). The average stock-holding of iron and steel at SAIL plants has been within limits and on an average the ratio of stock holding in SAIL plants to their total despatches in 1991-92 works out to 2.8% only.

Pottam Power Project

6118. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pottam Power Project in Orissa is being implemented since 1987;

(b) if so, the total amount involved therein;

(c) the total irrigation potential to be created after its completion; and

(d) the time by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI

KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Potteru Hydro-electric Project of Government of Orissa was sanctioned by the Planning Commission in April, 1987.

(b) The latest estimated cost of this Power Project as indicated by Government of Orissa is Rs. 13.64 cores.

(c) The total irrigation potential to be created after completion of the Potteru Irrigation Project is 1.0988 lakh ha.

(d) The Power project is likely to be commissioned in 1994-95. The Irrigation Project is likely to be completed in VIII Plan, subject to availability of funds.

Capacity Utilisation by SAIL

6119. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of capacity utilisation of the steel Authority of India Limited by the end of March, 1991, plant-wise; and

(b) the reasons for the high cost of production and low qualities of steel produced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Crude Steel capacity utilisation of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been improving. Details are given below.

Plants	March, 1991	March, 1992
Bhilai Steel Plant	88%	94%
Durgapur Steel Plant	76%	76%
Rourkela Steel Plant	86%	85%